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SUBJ ECOSOC-COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT SUBMITTED BY THE USSR REGARDING
TIMINGS OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING,
BUIDLING AND PLANNING. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
REQUESTED FOR MORNING SESSION OCTOBER 25.
THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING,
RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY THE PROCESS
OF URBANIZATION AND THE GROWTH OF POPULATION AND,
THEREFORE, THE NEED TO MOBILIZE ALL AVAILABLE
EXPERTISE IN ORDER TO FIND THE SOLUTIONS TO THESE
PROBLEMS ESPECIALLY BY EXPANDING HOUSING PROGRAMMES
AND GUIDING THE PROCESSES OF URBANIZATION;
RECOGNIZING THE SUPREME IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTINUOUS
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE AND THE NEED TO
INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SOLVING
THEIR PROBLEMS OF SETTLEMENTS DEVELOPMENT,
NOTING THAT WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM THE COMMITTEE
ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IS THE ONLY BODY WHICH
RPERESENTS PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF
COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;
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FURTHER NOTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3043

(XXVII), WHICH INTRODUCED THE NEW SYSTEM OF PROGRAMME BUDGETING, AND THE PREPARATION ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS OF BIENNIAL BUDGETS AND MEDIUM-TERM PLANS, NOTING ALSO THE DECISION OF THE ECOSOC(...) ON THE TIMING OF THE BIENNIAL SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING, BELIEVING THAT THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION PLAYS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE SHAPING AND TIMING OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND THE NEED FOR CO-ORDINATION OF THAT WORK PROGRAMME WITH THE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, EXPRESSES DEEPEST CONCERN THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM AND TIMING OF THE PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE PRACTICALLY ISOLATE THE COMMITTEE FROM MAKING ANY CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CENTRE AND MAY RESULT IN INEFFECTIVE USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES, REQUESTS THE ECOSOC TO REVISE THE TIMING OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE SO THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ADVANCE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1976-77, AND THAT FUTURE MEETINGS THEREAFTER WILL BE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE BUDGETARY EXERCISE TO ASSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE APPROPRIATE INFLUENCE ON PROGRAMME FORMULATION.BASSIN

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